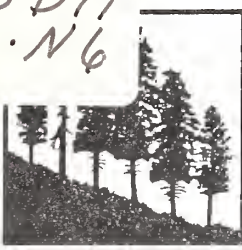


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Gallatin Forest Honored by National Arbor Day Foundation

by Kay Bugger, Public Affairs Specialist
Gallatin National Forest

The Gallatin National Forest was one of five award winners throughout the country honored by the National Arbor Day Foundation for efforts to enhance and preserve the environment.



L to R - (seated): Publisher T.R. Shepard III, "Country Living"; Gallatin Forest Supervisor David Garber. (standing) Gardiner District Ranger John Logan; executive director John Rosenow, National Arbor Day Foundation; Gallatin Forest supervisory forester Tim Hancock.

This year the Arbor Day Foundation presented a new award to recognize sustained commitment and national leadership on the part of corporations and organizations that join with the Foundation on special projects. The 1993 Promise to the Earth Awards were presented to four corporations and one Government agency during the Foundation's 21st annual awards banquet and ceremonies held May 1 in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

The Gallatin Forest, along with "Country Living" magazine, received an

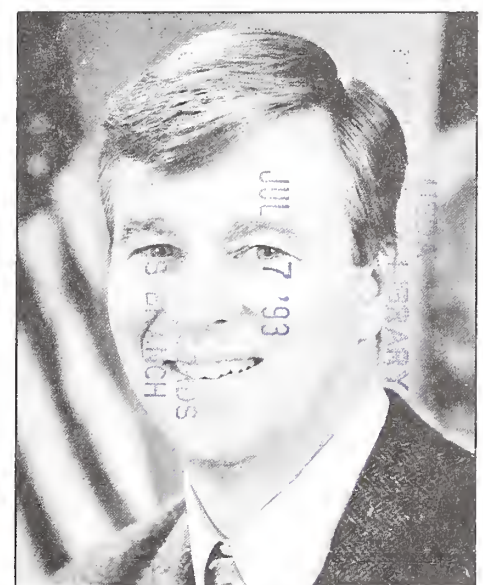
award for the creation and planting of the Country Living National Arbor Day Forest. The project had its origin with the signing of a partnership agreement between the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Forest Service in 1990. Both parties agreed to develop promotional campaigns to raise funds for tree plantings and habitat restoration on forest lands burned by the Greater Yellowstone Area fires of 1988.

"Country Living" magazine quickly joined with the Foundation to initiate one of the promotional campaigns. The publishers began a series of feature articles and ads about the fire recovery effort. The publicity raised awareness about the effects of the fires, and encouraged readers to contribute to recovery projects by becoming members of the Foundation. With the cooperative leadership of the Gallatin National Forest and the Foundation, the planting area just outside Cooke City, Montana, is being restored as wildlife habitat for grizzly bears, moose, and other wildlife.

In accepting the award, Forest Supervisor David Garber said, "As administrators of these special lands, we deeply appreciate this recognition and thank the National Arbor Day Foundation on behalf of the American public."

To date—with the support of "Country Living" magazine readers, advertisers, corporate contributions, and the participation of thousands of Foundation members—436,000 seedling have been funded. "This partnership will provide wildland habitats for many future generations," Garber added.

Helena Forest Supervisor Named



Tom Clifford

Tom Clifford, with the Forest Service Land Management Planning staff in Washington D.C., has been selected as the Forest Supervisor of the Helena National Forest. He will report to his new position in mid-June. Clifford replaces Ernie Nunn who recently announced his retirement.

Clifford's present job in Washington involves monitoring and evaluation and information management aspects of forest planning. He has held a variety of positions since joining the agency in 1972. Previous assignments in Arizona include that of district recreation and lands staff; district silviculturist; district timber staff; national forest silviculturist; and district ranger. He also worked two years as a forestry instructor at Northland Pioneer Community College in Snowflake, Arizona. While in his Washington, D.C. assignment, Clifford spent seven months as a legislative assistant to Congressman Al Swift of the State of Washington.

Clifford and his wife Gail have four children.



Dawning of a New Age

Region 1 makes breakthrough in mapmaking process

The centuries-old process of making maps by hand is drawing to a close, to be replaced by the craft of

puter-generated map within the Forest Service.

The publishing of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness map brings to a close a project which started two years ago with the purchase of two state-of-the-art computer workstations and cartographic software. The equipment now includes five computer workstations, a scanner which can accommodate materials 40" in width and indefinite length, and an electrostatic plotter. The vendor se-

tography.

The new equipment will save vast amounts of money in that it permits the work to be accomplished ten times faster than the conventional method. Revising maps—adding or removing features, for example, or changing the scale—is made much easier and quicker.

The unit is composed of Ron Normandeau, Tom Allen, Dale Floerchinger, Betty Johnson, Sara Lustgraaf, Don Van Nice, Heather Muldoon, and Keith Blount. As stated by Don Van Nice, who participated in the completion of the last hand-made map issued by the unit, the Lee Metcalf Wilderness map, "Computer technology now brings a totally new approach to looking at maps." The unit has been generous in sharing their information with other Government agencies and Forest Service regions. "The way to advance and learn in our business," commented Van Nice, "is to share information. Our phones have been kept busy these days."



Intergraph computer workstation at R-1 Regional Office

building maps by computer. Region 1 is playing a role in this historic event. The cartography unit in R-1 Engineering recently published the first totally com-

puter-generated map within the Forest Service. The publishing of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness map brings to a close a project which started two years ago with the purchase of two state-of-the-art computer workstations and cartographic software. The equipment now includes five computer workstations, a scanner which can accommodate materials 40" in width and indefinite length, and an electrostatic plotter. The vendor se-

Deerlodge Archaeological Project Wins Chief's Award

For many people, archaeology holds a certain fascination; it combines an interest in past with the fun of hunting for something hidden. It's a mystery waiting to be solved.

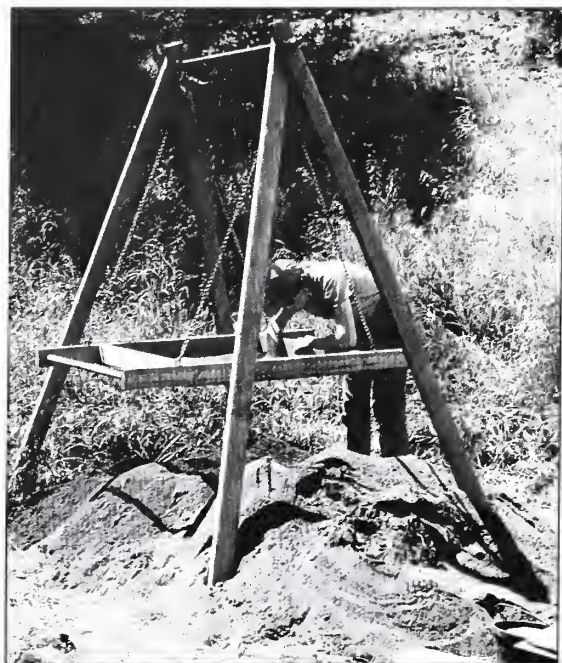
The Forest Service has found a way to harness that interest through the Passport in Time program (PIT). By contracting with a private Washington D.C. firm for volunteers, the Forest Service obtains recruits for archaeological and historical preservation projects throughout the National Forest System. The goal is to provide an interesting, educational experience for the volunteer as well as supply needed labor for scheduled archaeological and restoration projects.

In Region 1, 13 PIT projects were completed in 1992. Of the 13, the excavation at Steel's Pass in the Deerlodge National Forest recently received the Chief's annual Windows on the Past award, one of which is presented in every region.

The project, initiated by Forest archaeologist Richard Periman, was conducted July 27-August 14, 1992 in the Highland Mountains south of Butte. Nine volunteers were recruited to assist. The work was conducted with the help of the Museum of the Rockies at Montana State University under a challenge cost share agreement. Dr. Leslie Davis, curator of archaeology and anthropology at the museum, directed the activities.

It proved a very successful effort for the Region, the public, and the volunteers. The primary reason for Forest Service involvement, investigation and mitigation of impact from looting and road building to this 10,000-year-old prehistoric site, was accom-

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Volunteer screens dirt, looking for 10,000-year-old artifacts at Steel's Pass

Facilities at Rock Creek Trailhead Give New Freedom for Disabled

by Madelyn Kempf, Public Affairs Specialist
Bitterroot National Forest

The cold, blustery, early May weather, with hail and snow thrown in for good measure—didn't dampen the enthusiasm and camaraderie of those who braved the elements to dedicate the Rock Creek trailhead and horse camp in the Darby Ranger District. Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor Steve Kelly welcomed the crowd of 50+ who attended the festivities. "Our talk about partnerships needs to be put into practice," stressed Kelly. "This has come to pass here at the Rock Creek Trailhead."

A unique feature of the trailhead is the physically challenged/wheelchair accessible livestock mounting platform to assist those who have difficulty mounting from the ground. This mounting platform, complete with a transfer device, is the first of its kind to be built in the State of Montana.

Darby District Ranger Tom Wagner praised the Bitter root Back Country Horsemen (BCH) for the time and effort they put into the Rock Creek horse camp—

part of the Lake Como recreation complex. The Bitter Root BCH donated their time to construct the two livestock unloading ramps, the wheelchair accessible ramp/mounting platform and helped with the installation of two bulletin boards and hitch rails.

A highlight of the dedication ceremony was the demonstration of the mounting/transfer device by Maryetta Bauer. A member of the Mission Valley BCH, Bauer received a spinal injury when she was thrown from her horse five years ago. Despite this injury, she is still an active participant in BCH activities. Bauer enthusiastically accepted the invitation to demonstrate the mounting platform and transfer device. She also offered some tips on how to make backcountry experiences more pleasant and safe for the physically challenged.

"This is the one true freedom I have. It puts me on an even keel with everyone else when I'm on horseback," said Bauer.



Maryetta Bauer demonstrates mounting platform and transfer device for disabled at Rock Creek

"I appreciate it when the able-bodied public takes the initiative to help the disabled enjoy the out-of-doors."

Bitter Root BCH members Ron Gibford, Joe Nikrasch, Harold Maus, Marvin Bell, and Gene Buroker; and Darby Ranger District employees Cynthia Lusk and Bill Terrill were commended for the major part they played in seeing the project to completion.

New Law Helps Custer Acquire Boundary Extensions

by Susan W. Newell, Realty Specialist
Custer National Forest

On April 12, President Clinton signed into law legislation that will allow Custer National Forest to acquire lands within five miles of the Forest boundary on the South Dakota portion of the Sioux Ranger District. His signature culminated almost two years and three congressional sessions of efforts to get the legislation passed.

To understand the significance of this legislation, it's important to know that all the forests in the State of Montana already had authority to acquire lands within six miles of the Forest boundary. The discrepancy in Federal laws meant that the Sioux Ranger District, which has land units in both Montana and South Dakota, had authority to acquire lands outside the District boundary in Montana but not in South Dakota.

We became aware of this discrepancy when landowner Lawrence Brown of Buffalo, South Dakota, proposed a land exchange. The District was very interested in this exchange because it would allow the Forest to acquire some riparian lands for significant wildlife habitat and two needed rights of way as well as resolve a trespass situation. In addition, BLM agreed to provide some of the Federal land for the exchange.

The District had also received exchange proposals from three other South Dakota landowners whose lands were outside the proclaimed Forest boundary. In all cases, as with the Brown exchange, the proposals provided substantial benefits for the public through the Forest Service.

When the land exchange came to a

halt for lack of authority, Lawrence Brown agreed to work with his congressional delegation to introduce and monitor progress on boundary extension legislation. The legislation was introduced too late in the 1991 session to pass. Continued into the 1992 session, the legislation made it through all the committees and hearings without opposition, only to die in the waning days when congressional attention was focused on budgetary legislation. The boundary extension legislation was introduced again in the 1993 session, making it through both houses of Congress by the first of April.

With the President's signature in April, the legislation became law and Custer National Forest had a new and much needed tool available for managing public lands.

MUSYA

Is Act Still Relevant to Forest Service Mission?

by George Bain, EPA Liaison
Land and Financial Planning, Regional Office

Since the establishment of the Division of Forestry in the Department of Agriculture in 1876, Congress has enacted over fifty laws directly related to Forest Service activities. However, on June 12, 1960, Congress enacted a law that, arguably, provides the Agency's primary mission.

The Multiple-Use, Sustained-Yield Act (MUSYA) established the principle that "national forests are established and shall be administered for outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, and wildlife and fish purposes." As stated in MUSYA, this supplements, not detracts from, the original purpose of national forests to "improve and protect the forest within the boundaries, or for the purpose of securing favorable conditions of water flows, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of the citizens of United States." (16 U.S.C. 475)

Our mission recently received new attention when the Chief released the Forest Service Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles. This simply provides a '90's amplification of Congress' direction of the sixties.

MUSYA clearly established that the surface resources within national forest boundaries are to be "administered" to provide a broad range of products and services. Lands are not just protected, preserved, or otherwise left only to natural processes. Nor are lands just for the management of timber which, until then, was the recognized dominant use of the national forests.

Congress recognized the impracticality of trying to manage all lands for all resources. The law states "that some land will be used for less than all of the resources" and consideration will be given "to the relative values of the various resources." Multiple use as defined does not mean everything for everybody everywhere, giving us the charge of judging which resources in which areas, and in

what balance, constitutes the wisest use of the land.

MUSYA emphasizes that forest management be "without impairment of the productivity of the land." Sustained yield is defined as "the achievement and maintenance in perpetuity of a high-level annual or regular periodic output of the various renewable resources." Clearly, our direction is to be sensitive to the capabilities of the land and protect those capabilities in perpetuity.

Congress also recognized the value of leaving some areas in pristine condition. Four years prior to the passage of the Wilderness Act, Congress laid the foundation to preserve areas in their natural, unaltered condition. As stated in MUSYA, "The establishment and maintenance of areas of wilderness are consistent with the purposes and provisions of the Act," giving the Forest Service the responsibility to maintain wilderness.

Finally, Congress wanted to ensure that management reflects the citizen's needs and wants, and that it not be static nor devised in a vacuum. They encouraged "periodic adjustments in use to conform to changing needs and conditions." These words demand that the Forest Service listen to, work with, and respond to the public, both internal and external.

"Caring for the Land and Serving People." A noble and straight forward mission statement. One that is easy to add to letterheads, put on bumper stickers, and sell to the masses. But those of us involved in resource management know that these seven words hold all of the challenge, excitement, frustration, and satisfaction of the work that we do. Seven words that have their roots in one of the shortest laws that Congress ever constructed to direct the management of the national forests. The Multiple-Use, Sustained-Yield Act is a mere 433 well intentioned, clearly stated words that carry with them all that we do and all that we stand for.

THE MISSION

from F. Dale Robertson,
Chief, USDA Forest Service
February 1993

The phrase, "CARING FOR THE LAND AND SERVING PEOPLE," captures the Forest Service mission. As set forth in law, the mission is to achieve quality land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people. It includes:

Advocating a conservation ethic in promoting the health, productivity, diversity, and beauty of forests and associated lands.

Listening to people and responding to their diverse needs in making decisions.

Protecting and managing the National Forests and Grasslands so they best demonstrate the sustainable multiple-use management concept.

Providing technical and financial assistance to State and private forest landowners, encouraging them to practice good stewardship and quality land management in meeting their specific objectives.

Providing technical and financial assistance to cities and communities to improve their natural environment by planting trees and caring for their forests.

Providing international technical assistance and scientific exchanges to sustain and enhance global resources and to encourage quality land management.

Helping States and communities to wisely use the forests to promote rural economic development and a quality rural environment.

Developing and providing scientific and technical knowledge aimed at improving our capability to protect, manage, and use forests and rangelands.

Providing work, training, and education to the unemployed, underemployed, elderly, youth, and disadvantaged in pursuit of our mission.

Why We Do What We Do

Antiquities Act Marks Beginning of Cultural Resource Management

by Mike Beckes,
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On June 8, 1993 a fundamental piece of legislation affecting the management of National Forest System lands will celebrate its 87th birthday. The Antiquities Act of 1906 broke new ground when it declared a national policy to preserve, protect, and manage sites and objects of scientific importance on federal lands. One has to wonder if President Theodore Roosevelt had any idea that he was taking the first step in the creation of the national historic preservation movement we know today. Given Roosevelt's remarkable vision and support for all aspects of the fledgling conservation movement, I would like to think he knew precisely what the implications of his action would be.

The provisions of the Antiquities Act are straightforward, but far reaching. It established that the archeological, historical, and scientific sites we know today as cultural resources located on Federal lands are the property of the people of the United States. It established a permit process which addressed the qualifications of those wishing to conduct research on such sites and it provided for the proper curation and display of irreplaceable artifacts. In response to the rapid growth of illegal collecting in the Southwest, it established criminal penalties for those pursuing the black market antiquities business on Federal lands.

Probably the most innovative aspect of the Antiquities Act is the fact that it gave the President the unilateral power to establish national monuments. At his discretion, the President was empowered to declare that archeological sites, historical remains, and "other objects of historic or scientific interest" located on public lands would be protected as special places. This power has been used to good effect throughout the nation and has proven flexible enough to protect important fossil areas, caves, natural features, and dinosaur sites.

Most recently President Carter made sweeping use of the Antiquities Act in the final days of his administration to declare hundreds of thousands of acres of national monument lands in Alaska. Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot would surely

have understood and applauded this bold action in the interest of conservation. After all it is quite similar to the creation of the national forests.

At 87, the Antiquities Act is still a viable and important player in Federal historic preservation. Portions have been augmented by more modern and stricter statutes, and parts have been found to be overly vague. Nonetheless, the rules and regulations signed by the Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior, and War on a cold December day in 1906 continue to be a part of every Forest Service antiquities permit, and the Antiquities Act continues to help protect the unique and irreplaceable public resources of the National Forest System.

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plished. Fragments of pottery were found that predate any yet found in the northern Rockies. An amazing variety of animal bone along with chipped and ground stone artifacts also were recovered from this remarkable site.

The information gained from the excavation will add significantly to the knowledge of the prehistory of the Deerlodge National Forest and southwest Montana in general. The second and final phase of excavation will be conducted during July of this year and will result in the production of a final technical report, a management plan for the site, and an interpretive document for use and use and enjoyment by the public.

There were other benefits as well. From 75 to 100 people, including the entire staff of Jefferson Ranger District, visited the site over a three-week period. As a way to reach a larger segment of the public, a 12-minute video was produced on the project in partnership with the Museum of the Rockies and with the help of Earthtalk Productions. And lastly, volunteers from all over the country were given a unique experience they'll never forget.

The First Lady Comes To Town!

Lewis & Clark Employees Get Inside View

by Bob Casey, Forester
Lewis and Clark National Forest

"We need four volunteers." The call went out through the Lewis and Clark Supervisor's Office on Wednesday, April 14. Many reacted with the usual "Here we go again!" But a few folks who didn't have their guards up replied with an "OK - what's the deal?"

The "deal" turned out to be an opportunity to serve as drivers for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and her entourage during their visit to Great Falls on April 17. Mrs. Clinton was attending a rural health care forum being held at the West Elementary School Auditorium. Senator Max Baucus' office had contacted Forest public affairs specialist Bonnie Dearing for help. Four Forest employees—Lea MacDonald, information receptionist; Kurt Teuber, GIS coordinator; Wayne Phillips, ecologist; and Bob Casey, engineer/NEPA coordinator answered the call.

At an organizational meeting at Senator Baucus' office on the following evening, each employee received their assignments. Phillips and Teuber were to be drivers and MacDonald and Casey were assigned to greet and direct visitors at the entrances to the event. Phillips transported White House staffers back and forth from the airport to the motel. Teuber transported luggage in a rental truck to and from the airport.

The volunteers came away from the experience with a variety of thoughts. All, however, were impressed with Mrs.



L to R - Lewis & Clark ecologist Wayne Phillips greets First Lady

Clinton's warmth, friendliness and sincerity. Said Wayne Phillips, "Mrs. Clinton really impressed me as being sincerely interested in the rural health care issue. She took notes and made thoughtful replies to issues and ideas raised during the forum."

The White House staff and Secret Service impressed Kurt Teuber "in making things happen on schedule." The schedule may even have allowed for a break. Teuber heard a rumor that the First Lady went for an impromptu horseback ride at one of the local ranches early Saturday morning.

Bob Casey expressed concern for the vulnerability of all members of the entourage during the public gathering. Even though the Secret Service was obviously present, no apparent effort was made to "screen" the crowd before the event. "Anyone who wanted admission just had to stop by Senator Baucus' office and pick up a ticket," Casey said.

Each volunteer had the opportunity to shake hands and briefly visit with the First Lady. Her staff photographer snapped photos and Kurt and Wayne were able to take some personal pictures as well.

by Mary Lunsford, Secretary
Custer National Forest

Making an EIS Readable for the Public

When the Beartooth Oil and Gas Leasing Final Environmental Impact Statement was published and made available to the public in April, there was also a "Summary" of the document available. The "Summary" was written by Sherry Milburn, Public Affairs specialist for the Custer and illustrated by Ken Gehman, Forest visual information specialist.

The "Summary" condensed a highly technical 396-page EIS into a 15-page tabloid designed specifically for the public. Written in a question and answer format, it highlighted the preferred alternative, provided comparison with other alternatives and displayed effects the public might expect if lands were leased and developed for oil and gas production. Each issue was

presented in very clear and understandable terms without the usual Forest Service jargon, acronyms and technical language. The clarity of the publication has impressed both the public and internal reviewers.

Curt Bates, Forest Supervisor states, "The benefits of all the extra work and efforts are already paying off as people are telling us how much they like the 'Summary.' It would be a tremendous savings in the cost of each EIS if we could substitute a popularized summary like this for the bulky document that is currently being mailed to hundreds of participants."

If you would like to receive a copy of this condensed version document, please contact: Mary Lunsford, (406) 657-6361, or DG: M.Lunsford:ROIF08A.

Want the Latest Facts?

by Cheryle Zwang, Public Affairs Specialist
Regional Office

Want the most current information on hot topics within the Region? Have an interest in finding out what issues Congress has inquired about within the Region? Need information on issues or concerns identified by the public on projects and proposals servicewide? Want information on the availability of reference or research materials and publications through the University system? Well, your wish is our command.

The Regional Public Affairs Office has implemented an Info Mailer System containing this information. We have BRIEFING STATEMENTS: Accurate and timely information on issues of significance in the Region; CONTENT ANALYSIS INFORMATION: Qualitative and/or quantitative summaries of public comments on a particular project or proposal. Also, instructions for retrieving the Oracle Content Analysis Database, the Content Analysis training course student notebook, and the Regional Content Analysis Codebook; CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARIES: Summaries of emerging and current issues relative to congressional and legislative inquiries by forest and regionally; and FOREST SERVICE INFO: Bibliography of current information on Forest Service-related topics.

Your help is needed! The value of the content analysis portion of the PAO INFO mailer is dependent on forests and districts sending in their content analysis summaries to the Regional Public Affairs Office so that they can be filed in the mailer and accessed by other users. Don't be shy! Share this critical information with your counterparts. Other regions are utilizing our system also so we are helping one another Servicewide.

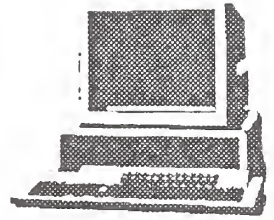
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Electric and Magnetic Fields



by Mike Anderson, Safety Manager
Rocky Mountain Forest & Range Experiment Station

Recently, after numerous questions about electric and magnetic fields (EMF), I borrowed a device (a Magnum 310 3-axis Digital Gaussmeter) that measures these fields. After going throughout certain buildings at Rocky Mountain Station, I recorded the following information:

- Moving 2-3 feet away from ANY electrical device brought the measurable EMF to below 1 miligauss (MG), and
- The devices that actually showed the highest measurements were NOT what you would think they would be. Surprisingly, things like AM/FM radios and impact printers had VERY high readings and were what were placed closest to people.

There are no set standards, limits or exposure levels set as "safe" yet. Not enough data or studies have been done to come up with the information. Until conclusive data is presented, some common sense precautions can be used. My suggestions:

- Sit 2-3 feet from electrical devices. **Fields decrease with distance.** EMF levels are higher close to their source and drop off rapidly with distance. EMF levels can be very high close to an appliance but virtually disappear at distances of 3 to 5 feet. This is one reason why you may be exposed to higher levels of EMFs from certain home appliances than from nearby power lines.
- DO NOT sit next to computer screens or printers. Keep them in front of you, or 2-3 feet away.
- When purchasing computer screens, choose those with lower EMF output.
- Make sure that radios, AC/DC converters, printers and other equipment is at least 2-3 feet from you (including your legs and feet).

What do these measurements really mean? Although new technology has made it easier to measure EMFs, it is very difficult to relate EMF measurements to human exposure. Exposure levels may vary from moment to moment, depending on the current flow, the type of appliance, and a person's position in relation to the source of the fields. Interpreting measurements and setting guidelines for exposure levels is difficult. It's still unclear whether EMFs result in health effects, let alone whether such effects are related to stronger or weaker fields. It's also unclear whether brief, high-level fields from appliances such as hair dryers have more impact than continuous, low-level fields from power lines, wiring, or other sources.

For specific information contained in Mike Anderson's report on the degree of EMF exposure from different computer brands, giving both front and side exposure, as well as other electrical appliances, please contact your forest safety coordinator.

Masonry Class at Trapper Creek Get Workout at AFD

For trainees in the union masonry class at Trapper Creek Job Corps Center, field projects are serious business. They supplement classroom instruction, and give the kind of real-life, on the job experience they need to learn the craft. Generally trainees spend approximately 10 months in vocational training, trying to absorb all that will be expected of them in the workforce.

Twelve trainees were selected to complete a project at the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula setting footings for two permanent outdoor exhibits near the newly constructed replica of the Hornet Peak Lookout Tower. Another assignment was to assist with preliminary excavation for construction of a handicap access ramp leading to the tower. Mike Carnahan, union mason who has spent many years in the trade in the private sector, is instructor for the class. Carnahan provided supervision for the day's activities.



L to R - Andrea Ground, Billy Perez, Aca Potts, Brad Paschall mixing cement at Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula

The project gave excellent training in the tricky business of mixing cement from scratch—getting the right consistency, pouring and setting the mixture, and finally setting the posts for the signs in an upright, plumb position. It was a hectic day, but fortunately everything planned was accomplished—including a barbeque lunch on the AFD grounds.

Hornet Peak Lookout Replica Completed

The reproduction of Hornet Peak Lookout at the Aerial Fire Depot (AFD) in Missoula was completed in May by Larry Eisenman, former smokejumper who retired in 1989, and Mike Uszuko, former smokejumper, now air service manager at the AFD. The Forest Service provided some of the materials, with funds provided by the Smokejumper Welfare Fund.

The original lookout was built in 1922 on Hornet Peak in the Flathead National Forest. The structure still stands and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The replica tower at the AFD, which has appropriate period furnishings, was opened to the public beginning Memorial Day, May 31, through Labor Day. Summer hours are Monday-Sunday 8 to 5.



At top - Hornet Peak Lookout as it appeared in 1923. Replica just completed at Aerial Fire Depot shown at left, with Mike Carnahan on backhoe, Loyalle Smith standing.

The Obliteration of a Culture

Tragedy in Tibet Discussed at Meeting Honoring Asian-Pacific Islander Month

*by Cass Cairns, Information Assistant
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Sometimes I think we, as citizens of a free country, take a lot for granted. We are able to openly practice a multitude of religions, voice our opinions, and together through the voting process determine how our Nation will be governed.

Imagine how it would be if another country overthrew our democracy and changed our entire culture, including the language we spoke and religions we practiced. Imagine friends and loved ones who openly opposed these changes put to death or imprisoned. It is hard for us to perceive but for the people of Tibet, this is reality.

In recognition of Asian-Pacific Islander Month, the Bitterroot National Forest Civil Rights Board invited three Tibetan immigrants to come to the Ravalli County Museum in Hamilton to share their insight into the present turmoil in Tibet. The immigrants, part of the Tibet-U.S. Resettlement Program-Montana, came to the United States in hopes of earning enough money to send for the families they left behind and to help preserve a culture now threatened with obliteration. Their ultimate hope is to have Tibet restored an independent country and return to their homeland.

The Tibetans included 43-year old Dawa Tsering, 36-year old Balden Dhondub and 24-year old Basang Dolma. Steering committee chairperson of the Tibetan-US Resettlement Project-Montana, Nancy Treuhaft, hosted the event and also joined the Tibetans as a panelist. Also present was chairperson of the Housing Committee Pam Frick and chairperson of the Culturation Committee Dexter Roberts.

A video was shown revealing Tibetan culture before and after the Chinese invasion. The presentation was excellent and well received. The Trapper Creek Job Corps Culinary Arts Program provided and served refreshments.



L to R - Dawa Tsering, Chairperson Nancy Treuhaft, Balden Dhondub, Basang Dolma

In Memoriam

Roland L. "Ron" Barger, 62, of Missoula died May 18 of cardiac arrest at St. Patrick Hospital. Born in Brazitos, New Mexico, Barger's first job with the Forest Service was in 1948, when he worked in a lookout and as a firefighter in the Apache National Forest in Arizona. In early 1960, he was appointed assistant ranger in the Gore Ranger District, Routt National Forest in Colorado. The same year he transferred to the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Fort Collins, Colorado, and Flagstaff, Arizona, as a research forester.

In 1972, he transferred to the Forest Sciences Lab for the Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station at Missoula. In May 1976, he was recognized with a Superior Service Honor Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He retired from the Forest Service in 1987.

During the fall quarter of 1986, Barger started as a visiting professor at the University of Montana's School of Forestry where he continued teaching through the spring semester of 1993. He was named Outstanding Professor of the Year by the students in 1987 and 1992.

Russell LeBarron, 85, or Tahlequah, Oklahoma, died May 15. LeBarron was born in Logan County, North Dakota, in 1907. He worked for the Forest Service at the Lake States Forest Experiment Station in St. Paul, Minnesota; the Northern Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in Missoula, Montana; and the Pacific Southwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Berkeley, California, where he retired as chief of the forest management research division. He later worked for the Hawaii Division of Forestry for 10 years and for 2 1/2 years worked in Uruguay for the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization.

William Kuhaneck, 79, of Stevensville, died at North Valley Nursing Home May 18. A native of New York state, Kuhaneck came to the Bitterroot in 1933 with the Civilian Conservation Corp in Stevensville.

Kuhaneck worked for the Forest Service for 31 years, retiring in 1972. He was for several years station fireman at Elk Summitt, Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest.

Cora Frances Squires Mills, 79, of Hamilton, died May 22 at Valley View Estates. Born in Canton, South Dakota, Mills moved to Grantsdale, Montana, with her parents when she was three.

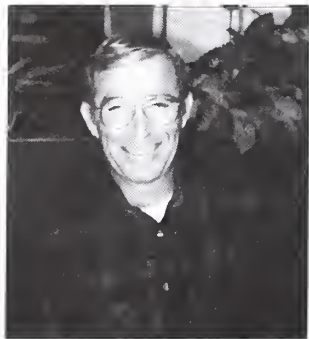
In 1952, she and her husband, Jack Mills, began working for the Forest Service. She was a cook at the Moose Creek Ranger Station, Bitterroot National Forest. The couple later worked at the Bungalow Ranger Station, a now dissolved district once part of the Clearwater National Forest.

OOPS!

In the May issue of the Northern Region News, Tim Gray was improperly identified in a photo as Tim Foiles. There is no Tim Foiles, at least in Region 1, but there is a Kim Foiles. And there is a Tim Gray, computer scientist with R-I Management Systems. This Tim, along with the others pictured, received a certificate of appreciation for their work in the content analysis project. Got that?

Personnel Changes

Forester **Dave Everett** from Bozeman, recently joined the Nez Perce National Forest fisheries staff to be a part of the team working on the endangered chinook salmon.



Dave Everett

Dave started working for the Forest Service as a smokejumper in the summer while at the University of Montana. His first career appointment was with the Kootenai National Forest. He has since worked in virtually all resource areas of forest management for the agency in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Alaska. His return to the Northwest from

Alaska in 1988 with the highlight of his career.

As an avid outdoors person, Dave is looking forward to the life in northwestern Montana for him and his family.

For the first time since 1970, the Swan Lake Ranger District has a new district ranger.

Charles E. "Chuck" Harris, 45, formerly deputy district ranger for Three Rivers Ranger District in the Kootenai National Forest, has accepted the Swan Lake position with the Flathead National Forest. Harris replaces Bill Pederson, who retired in January.

Swan Lake is familiar territory for Chuck. He is a graduate of Bigfork High School and worked at the Swan Lake Ranger District while attending the University of Montana Forestry School. After graduation from college, Harris accepted a position as forestry technician at the Swan Lake District. Since that time he has worked at the



Chuck Harris

Livingston Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest; the Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office where he was recreation officer; and at Three Rivers. In the winter of 1992-93, Harris received a temporary promotion as district ranger with the Priest Lake Ranger District, Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

Harris is married and has three grown step-sons. He and his wife, Betty, have a 12-year-old, Chip, still at home.

Ed Lider is the new South Zone fisheries biologist for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests (IPNF). The job, along with a similar position for the North Zone, was established by the Forest Leadership Team this February. Ed's past experience include five years of consulting and work for the Desert Research Institute at Pyramid Lake in Nevada.

Ed came to the IPNF in 1980 when he was selected as fisheries biologist with the Fernan Ranger District. In 1988 he transferred to the Wallace District as multi-resource staff.

Steve Robertson is now the North Zone fisheries biologist for the IPNF. As with Ed Lider, Robertson was a consultant and employee of Desert Ranch Research Institute.

Steve also spent 12 years with the Stanislaus National Forest in Region 5. During that time he served as Forest fisheries

biologist, district wildlife biologist, and resource officer with the Miwok Ranger District. During that time he worked as Forest fisheries biologist, district wildlife biologist and resource officer with the Miwok Ranger District. Steve was fish/wildlife/watershed staff with the Fernan District prior to his new assignment with the Forest North Zone.

Retirement News

Lee Andrews, Engineering management assistant for the Bitterroot National Forest, retired June 1 after more than 32.5 years of service. All of Andrews' career as a permanent employee has been with the Bitterroot. Prior to coming to the Bitterroot, Andrews was a forestry aid seasonal on the Helena National Forest in 1958. In 1961, Andrews took a seasonal job on the Bitterroot as an engineering aid. By December of the same year, Andrews was converted from a seasonal to a career conditional employee.

Andrews originally came to Montana from Bainbridge, New York and plans to return to Newark Valley, New York upon retirement to be closer to her family.

Frank Klement, Forest engineer, Deerlodge National Forest, retired May 1. Klement's Forest Service career of 31 years began in the Clearwater National Forest in September 1960. He then moved to the Bitterroot National Forest in 1966 and then to the Deerlodge National Forest in 1989.

Klement and his wife Lois plan to remain in Butte for the immediate future.

Other Retirements

Dwight Dauber, forestry technician, Hungry Horse RD
Delores Gribble, personnel assistant, Helena NF

Newsletter Guidelines

The Northern Region News is published by the Northern Region Public Affairs Office for employees and retirees. Following are guidelines for submitting stories:

- Articles should feature Forest Service employees and retirees involved in Forest Service activities and projects.

- Articles must be concise and timely. All articles are subject to editing, and may not be used if outdated, inappropriate, or if space does not permit.

- Photos should be black and white, glossy prints if possible.

- Send articles to G.Weisgerber:R01A (Data General) or Gloria Weisgerber, Northern Region Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807. The public affairs officer on your Forest may want to preview articles before they are sent. If so, please follow that process.

Personnel Update

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

MCNEE, SHEILA, range conservationist, Whitehall RD,
Deerlodge NF, transfer, Wise River RD
MOUSEL, MARTHA, forester, Wisdom RD, reassignment,
interdisciplinary planner, SO

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

CHRISTENSEN, LYLE, SCSEP, Stevensville RD, cash award
GAUL, ROYLENE, legal assistant, RO, cash award
LOCKMAN, DAVE, fisheries biologist, Stevensville RD, belt buckle award
LUSK, SCOTT, range conservationist, Sula RD, promotion, R-6,
Ochoco NF, Crooked River National Grasslands RD
PAULEY, MILLY, SCSEP, SO, cash award
RICHARDSON, MARC, volunteer, SO, belt buckle award

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

ANDERSON, LESLIE, forester (trainee), RO AFD, reassignment,
forester (fire), Stevensville RD
FINDLEY, CLAUDIA, purchasing agent, R-6 Mount Hood NF,
Clackamas RD, reassignment, Trapper Creek JCC

NEW EMPLOYEES

BENNETT, MIKE, career conditional appointment, alcohol and
drug abuse specialist, Trapper Creek JCC

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ALBERT, BOB, office automation clerk, SO, promotion
LANE, MARVIN, purchasing agent, Hungry Horse RD, cash award
PLYMPTON, HELGA, computer specialist, SO, spot award
POTTER, AL, engineering equipment operator leader, special act award
STANLEY, MARK, forestry technician, Hungry Horse RD, promotion
SEIFERT, SHERRY, computer assistant, Swan Lake RD, spot award
TROYER, MENNO, engineering technician, Hungry Horse RD, special award

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

SEIFERT, SHERRY, accounting technician, SO, reassignment,
computer assistant, Swan Lake RD

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

HILLIARD, ELAINE, procurement clerk, cash award, SO
ENGLAND, THERESA, forester, cash award, Big Timber RD
JONES, FRED, forester, cash award, Hebgen Lake RD
ORR, SALLY, supervisory range conservationist, cash award,
Big Timber RD
SHULER, SCOT, co-op fishery biologist, promotion/conversion to
career conditional, Gardiner RS

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

IHLE, BETH, geologist, Townsend RD, cash award
KENDLEY, JACK, forester, Helena RD, promotion
RYAN, FERN, financial assistant, SO, promotion
WILEY, ARLENE, accounting technician, SO, promotion

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

GUENTHER, CHARLES, forestry technician, Lincoln RD to
Green Mountain & Finger Lakes NF

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

HULSIZER, VICKIE, conversion to career appointment, office
automation clerk, Wallace RD
MCKIM, DAVID, civil engineering technician, promotion,
engineer, St. Maries RD
POORBOY, ANA MARIE, cash award, SO
SCHAUER, WILLIAM, forestry technician, promotion, lead forestry
technician, St. Maries RD
WILKINSON, THOMAS, promotion, engineering equipment operator,
St. Maries RD

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

BOYD, GARY, forestry technician, reassignment, forestry technician, SO
HALLISEY, JUDY, forester, reassignment, hydrologist St. Maries RD
PARK, GLORIA, Avery RD, administrative officer, reassignment,
administrative officer, Wallace RD
RAINIO, TANA, Wallace RD, administrative officer, reassignment,
budget and accounting analyst, SO
STERNBERG, MICHAEL, supervisory forestry technician, reassignment,
supervisory forestry technician, Feman RD
THOMSON, DALLAS, Avery RD, supervisory forester, reassignment,
supervisory forester, St. Maries RD
WILKINS, DEBORAH, forester, Feman RD, reassignment, forester,
Priest Lake RD

RESIGNATIONS

SUAREZ, RENE', resignation, student trainee telecommunications, SO

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

NICHOLLS, PAUL, forestry aid, Three Rivers RD, promotion
WINSLOW, CAMI, personnel management specialist, SO, promotion

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

HARRIS, CHARLES, deputy district ranger, Three Rivers RD to
Flathead NF, temporary promotion
HELMRICK, DAVID, forester, Three Rivers RD, SO,
temporary promotion
LANSING, CAROLINE, forester, Libby RD to National Park Service

RESIGNATIONS

BECK, BRYAN, lead forestry technician, Canoe Gulch RS

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BROSNAHAN, JOHN, computer specialist, SO, 10-year service award
DREISBACH, CHARLIE, support services supervisor,
Plains/Thompson Falls RD, temporary promotion,
administrative officer
ERRECART, CARRIE, financial assistant, Plains/Thompson Falls RD,
temporary promotion, resource assistant
HERMAN, RITA, support services supervisors, Seeley Lake RD,
10-year service award
KIBLER, CHARLES, supply clerk, SO, spot award
SAVIK, VICKI, resource assistant, Plains/Thompson Falls RD,
temporary promotion, support services supervisor
SCHNEIDER, RICK, botanist, SO, cash award
TOWER, DOUG, duplication equipment operator, SO, spot award
WALKER-SMITH, KATE, biological science tech, SO, cash award

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

HELLEN, JOAN, landscape architect, SO, reassignment,
landscape architect, Gila National Forest, SO, Silver City, NM
LaMOTTE-HAGEN, KAREN, coop student trainee (hydrology), SO,
reassignment, coop student trainee (hydrology), BLM, Winnemucca, NM

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

A WARDS AND PROMOTIONS

DEFORD, LORI, clerical assistant, Moose Creek RD, cash award
ESSLINGER, DON, animal packer, Moose Creek RD, cash award
HESSELBARTH, FORREST, forestry technician, Moose Creek RD,
cash award
OWENS, CARL, biological science technician, Elk City RD, promotion
ROUNDY, JEFF, forestry technician, Red River RD, promotion
SNODGRASS, KATHLEEN, architect, SO, cash award

REGIONAL OFFICE

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

HEWITT, JUDY, budget & accounting analyst, A&FM-AFD, spot award
SMITH, WALTER, supervisory forestry technician-smokejumper,
A&FM-AFD, spot award

RESIGNATION

THYSELL, KIRK, computer specialist, TCFPM

Reunion at Savenac Set for July

by Pat Corts, Administrative Officer
Superior Ranger District
Lolo National Forest

A reunion of past employees of Savenac, Region 1 retirees, and members of the Civilian Conservation Corps stationed at Camp Taft will be held Friday, July 16th. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Administrative Building. Introductory speeches will be at 10:00. A potluck lunch will be served at 12:00. Come one and all.

For more information, contact Pat Corts or Carole Johnson, (406) 822-4233, or write Superior Ranger District, P.O. Box 460, Superior, MT 59872.

CCC Veterans - We are Looking for You

by Lynne Sholty, Financial Assistant
Ninemile Ranger District
Lolo National Forest

If you, or someone you know, was a young man stationed at the Ninemile Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp between 1933 and 1942, Ninemile Ranger District is looking for you! We are interviewing CCC enrollees and Forest Service employees that worked with the CCC's. Our oral history project is getting underway, with interviews in the works already. As we put together all of the pieces (interviews, photographs, newspaper articles and journals), we'll be able to present a good interpretation of the CCC camp for everyone to enjoy.



Joe Biggs of Bozeman at Ninemile CCC camp

If you would be willing to share your memories of Ninemile Company #1962, or you know someone that might have been a part of that company, please contact Lynne Sholty or Lisa Stoeffler at Ninemile Ranger District (406)626-5201 or write: Ninemile Ranger District, 20325 Remount Road, Huson, MT 59846.

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